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## WAR PREPARATIONS

Spain is Fortifying Mediterranean Islands and Placing Coast in State of Defense.

## HARD FIGHTING EXPECTED

Spanish Forces Sufficient to Prevent An Easy Victory for America—Fleets Assembling—Consul Brice Has Arrived in New York.

Madrid, April 13.—As a result of an important cabinet council held last night the Spanish war office is actively engaged in fortifying and manning the Mediterranean Islands of Spain and placing other portions of the kingdom in a state of defense.

Instructions have been cable to General Blanco to carry the suspension of hostilities into practical effect "according to circumstances in each district."

When the ministers adjourned an official note was issued setting forth the views of the government. In brief the note sets forth that the cabinet has granted extraordinary credit for war purposes, and incidentally increased the grant for account of the artillery at Porto Rico. After disposing of current affairs, Premier Sagasta designated two ministers to draw up an address to the crown. The cabinet refuses to acknowledge the right of the United States to interfere in Cuba, adding: "The doctrines contained in the message are incompatible with the sovereignty and rights of the nation and are an interference in international affairs of this country." The official note also says: "Firm in its consciousness of its rights and united by a resolution to maintain them will inspire the nation, as they inspire the government with the serenity necessary in these difficult moments to direct successfully and defend energetically the sacred interests which are the patrimony of the Spanish race."

**Situation Regarded Serious.**  
Madrid 3 p. m.—The situation is regarded today on all sides as most serious. Said from Porto Rico.

Washington, April 13.—Spain's cruises Visaya and Almirante Oquendo, which recently arrived at Porto Rico from Havana, have sailed from Porto Rico. It is understood their destination is the Cape Verde Islands. It is admitted by the authorities that Spain has a force which will prevent the American

navy from gaining any easy victory, and if war should break out some hard fighting may be expected.

**Spanish Bluff and Bluster.**  
All advice received by the navy department indicate that Spain is organizing as rapidly as possible two powerful fleets, which will, it is supposed, be opposed to the two fleets of this country assembled at Key West and Hampton Roads, says a Washington correspondent of the Times. One fleet is forming at Cape Verde Islands and the other at Cadix. Naval experts think that the fleet at Cadix is intended for the defense of the Spanish coast from any attack by the flying squadron, while the fleet assembling at Cape Verde is intended for retaliatory attacks upon the coast of the United States.

**350 Americans in Matanzas.**  
New York, April 13.—United States Consul Brice, just arrived here on the steamer Herman from Matanzas, said had there been an inkling that he was going to leave, he would have been killed.

Consul Brice said there were 350 Americans left behind in Matanzas and their lives were in the greatest peril. "I asked for a ship to come and take them away," he said, "but none was sent, and God knows what will become of them now."

**Trouble With Havana Cable.**  
The cable connections to Havana, via Key West, has been interrupted since early this morning. The cable officials were at a loss to account for the happening, and messages are being sent via Kingston, Jamaica.

**Later—The Havana cable via Key West is again all right.**

**Flying Squadron Sails.**  
Old Point Comfort, Va., April 13.—The flying squadron sailed at 2 o'clock under sealed orders for the south. It is the impression the squadron will go outside the capes and await further orders, which may be sent it by a dispatch boat.

**Heading Straight for War.**  
London, April 13.—The afternoon paper unanimously express the opinion that both the United States and Spain are heading straight for war. There is also a disposition to blame McKinley for alleged indecision.

**Glass Plant Destroyed by Fire.**  
Irwin, Pa., April 13.—Last night fire almost totally destroyed the immense plant of the Pennsylvania Plate Glass company. The company estimates the loss at \$700,000, with insurance of about \$400,000.

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## A WAR RESOLUTION

House Passed Resolution Authorizing Intervention to Stop War in Cuba Almost Unanimously.

## FEW SENATORS URGE DELAY

Senator Davis Declares Spanish Authorities Responsible for Destruction of Maine—General Lee Before Strategic Board—Will Buy Two More Vessels.

Washington, April 13.—The senate committee on foreign relations has reported a resolution to the senate, providing for an immediate armed intervention in Cuba and the establishment of a stable and independent government. The minority of five members will report in favor of independence for the Cuban insurgents. The following is the majority resolution as reported to the senate:

Whereas, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States and have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating as they have, in the destruction of a United States battleship, with 260 officers and crew, while on a friendly visit to the harbor of Havana, and can no longer be endured, as has been set forth by the president of the United States in a message to congress on April 11, 1898, upon which the action of congress was invited; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That the people of the island of Cuba are of right ought to be free and independent.

Second—That it is the duty of the government of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third—That the president of the United States be, and he is hereby directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into actual service the United States militia of the several states to such an extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

The minority report, recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba, is signed by Senators Foraker, Morgan, Turpie, Mills and Daniel.

**Minority Report.**  
Senator Turpie presented the report of the minority as follows:

The undersigned members of the committee on foreign relations concur in the report made upon the Cuban resolutions, but we favor an immediate recognition of the republic of Cuba as an independent state on that island, as a free, independent and sovereign power among the nations of the world.

Mr. Foraker demanded that the resolution lie over under the rules until tomorrow. The conservative senators are urging delay.

**Senator Foraker for Independence.**  
Notwithstanding the decision of the vice president, Senator Foraker proceeded to discuss the Cuban question on its general merits. He read from the president's message, which he said he regarded in many respects very highly. He said the foreign committee's report was a masterpiece work by Chairman Davis, of that committee; that all the members of the committee agreed that the Cuban people should have independence; that the committee believed the time for action had come; and after recognizing the right of the Cuban people to be free, it was presumption for the United States to establish a government for them, as the president proposed.

Mr. Foraker then took up the question of whether the Cubans were entitled to recognition, reviewing reasons for such action.

**Spanish Authorities Responsible.**  
The report of the senate committee on foreign relations on the Cuban situation, made by Senator Davis, chairman of that committee, was a thorough review of the entire situation and a strong presentation of facts which led the committee to its conclusions. It says:

"It is the opinion of your committee that the destruction of the Maine was compassed either by an official act of the Spanish authorities, or was made possible by negligence on their part, so willing and gross as to be equivalent in culpability to positive criminal action."

**Resolution Will Be Passed.**  
Efforts are making with some show of success to pass the Cuban resolutions through congress with practical unanimity.

**Unanimous Report From Committee Expected.**  
The Republicans of the foreign affairs committee of the house agreed to the insistence of the steering committee of the house Republicans that the word "independent" be placed in the resolutions. It is likely there will be a unanimous report from the senate committee on foreign relations and possibly from the house committee. The Democratic members of the senate committee, after hearing Consul General Lee upon the existing Cuban government, agreed to abandon the demand for the recognition of that government.

The house Democrats refuse to join the Republicans and will insist on a Cuban independence report. The Democratic members of the house foreign affairs committee will report the minority resolutions, calling for the immediate recognition of the present Cuban republic.

**House Committee Resolutions.**  
At 1:30 a majority of the house committee on foreign affairs agreed to the following resolution, which will be reported this afternoon:

"Resolved, That the president is hereby authorized and directed to intervene at once to stop the war in Cuba, to the end and with the purpose of securing permanent peace and order and establishing by the free action of the people thereof a stable and independent government of their own in the island of Cuba; and the president is hereby authorized and empowered to use the land and naval forces of the United States to execute the purpose of this resolution. The minority members agreed to report a minority resolution. Efforts will be made by the Republicans to pass the resolution without debate. All the house Republicans will support the majority report of the committee.

**Resolutions Presented By Democratic Members of Committee.**  
The Democratic members of the house foreign affairs committee, in a report signed by five Democrats and Mr. Newlands, free silver Republican, agreed to the following resolution:

Resolved, First—That the United States government hereby recognizes the independence of the republic of Cuba.

Second—That moved thereto by the many considerations of humanity, interest and provocation, among which are the deliberate mooring of our battleship Maine over a submarine mine and its destruction in the harbor of Havana, the president of the United States be and he is hereby directed to employ immediately the land and naval forces of the United States in aiding the republic of Cuba to maintain the independence hereby recognized.

Third—That the president of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to extend immediate relief to the starving Cubans.

**Violent House Proceedings.**  
At 3:30 o'clock Speaker Reed recognized Mr. Adams, acting chairman of the foreign affairs committee. He asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the resolutions he submitted. A thunderous outburst of applause from the floor and galleries greeted the report, and great confusion followed. Trouble arose out of the objection made by Mr. Bailey (Texas), to the consideration of the resolutions without a proper understanding as to the length of time allowed each side for debate. Mr. Henderson (La.) in a impassioned appeal to the men of the American congress to act like men, was met with a storm of hisses. He said the agreement between the Republicans and Democrats of the committee on rules was unanimous. This statement called forth a chorus of "No's," and men fought like mad. "Lie, liar, scoundrel" and other denigratory epithets were applied. Mr. Myers (Dem., Ind.) and Mr. Pearson (Rep., N. H.) almost came to blows. There were half a dozen personal collisions. Mr. Brum (Rep., Pa.) and Mr. Bartlett (Dem., Ga.) were involved in the general row.

At 3:45, Mr. Henderson brought in a special rule agreed to by the committee. No time is fixed for closing the debate. Mr. Henderson said the house would have the power to close the debate.

When he got a chance Mr. Bailey said the minority was perfectly willing to proceed to the consideration of the resolutions. His object in making an objection was to see if a reasonable understanding could not be had for the debate. He denounced the Republicans for desiring to rush the resolutions through without debate, when they knew the resolutions would not become operative until the senate acted, and the senate would not act without complete deliberation. The rule to consider the Cuban resolutions was adopted by a vote of 299 to 0. No time limit for debate in the rule. By a strict party vote the house then ordered the previous question, the Cuban resolutions, this cutting the debate to 30 minutes on each side.

**Minority Report Rejected.**  
Mr. Dismore, (Dem. Ark.), senior minority member of the house foreign affairs committee, made the only speech in support of the minority report. Mr. Adams made the only speech for the Republicans. The vote first was taken on the substitution of the minority report. The minority report was rejected by 151 to 191.

**Majority Resolution Adopted.**  
The final vote on the committee majority resolution was 324 yeas, 30 nays.

**Movements of Fleet and Troops Considered.**  
General Lee was with the strategic board until 1:15 o'clock. At the conclusion of the meeting it was stated by those present that General Lee and the members had gone over the entire question of offensive and defensive movements in the event of hostilities.

**General Lee's Statements.**  
The statement in General Lee's testimony which has had the greater influence with the more radical pro-Cuban members of the senate was to the effect that the present Cuban government was a government on paper only. He said, however, that he had no real facts on the subject and this was merely his opinion. General Lee also said that it was not true the lights in Havana were out on the night of the Maine disaster.

**Captain Sigbee Assigned to Duty.**  
It is understood that Captain Sigbee will be assigned to the command of either the St. Paul or St. Louis.

**Will Buy Two Liners.**  
The navy department has decided to buy the trans-Atlantic liners, St. Paul and St. Louis.

**General Lee Does Not Want Any Display.**  
This morning a joint committee of the Union Veteran Legion and Confederate Veteran association of the District of Columbia called on Consul General Lee and invited him to attend a public reception in his honor early in the day. The general said he would rather not have a reception. To an appeal, from old comrades, that he could afford to surrender for once in his life, especially to his friends and admirers, the general finally consented to hold the matter in abeyance until tomorrow. It is probable that the reception will not be held.

**Trying to Avert War.**  
The Pope Anxious That Peace Should Be Maintained—Switzerland Interested.

Rome, April 13.—The Pope has again telegraphed Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, begging him to use his influence with other sovereigns in the behalf of peace between the United States and Spain.

**Will Doubtless Be Rejected.**  
Bern, Switzerland, April 13.—The national council suggested that the Bundesrat consider whether it could offer to mediate between the United States and Spain. The proposition will be considered tomorrow but will doubtless be rejected.

**MARKET REPORT.**  
New York, April 13.—Money on call firm at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5% @ 6. Silver, 50% lead, \$3.50; copper, 11%.

Chicago.—Wheat, May, \$1.05 1/2; July, 87% Oats, April, 26 1/2; July, 23 1/2. Corn, April, 29 1/2; July, 31 1/2.

Chicago—Cattle, receipts, 16,500; market today, for best grades, steady to 10 cents lower; beefs, \$4.00 @ \$5.40; cows and heifers, \$3.25 @ \$4.60; Texas steers, \$3.70 @ \$4.80; stockers and feeders, \$3.70 @ \$4.65. Sheep, receipts, 16,000; market, steady; natives, \$3.60 @ \$4.60; westerns, \$3.80 @ \$4.75; lambs, \$4.50 @ \$5.75.

**TERRITORIAL TOPICS.**  
Charles County.

Captain S. S. Mathers, special agent for the general land office, is inspecting land entries and government lands in the Roswell district.

The citizens of Roswell are arranging to improve the cemetery at that place. From 20 acres of land near Roswell, W. M. Farmer sold \$6,000 worth of celery last year. Aside from supplying the local demand, he shipped \$8,815 pounds of celery to outside markets, paying \$1,389.90 for express charges.

Manuel Ruiz, under arrest for cattle stealing, pleaded guilty before Judge Hamilton, at Roswell last week, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year.

**San Juan County.**  
The entertainment given at Farmington for the benefit of the Cuban sufferers, last week, netted over \$40.

Azteco is becoming a lively real estate market and town lots are changing hands at good prices.

J. E. Manzaneros and D. E. Lobato are erecting a business block in Azteco which will be a credit to the town.

C. E. Brewer is building a store and residence in Azteco, and will soon become a resident of that place, moving in from his ranch on the Rio San Juan.

Charles and Frank Baker are building a livery and sale stable in Azteco, which will fill a long felt want.

**Socorro County.**  
The Graphic smelter at Magdalena has closed down for repairs, which will require two to three weeks to complete.

## THE FOUNTAIN MURDER.

Investigation Continued—Several Witnesses Examined—Waiting for Important Witnesses.

Special to the New Mexican.

Las Cruces, N. M., April 13.—Court opened for the afternoon session Tuesday at 2 p. m., with the cross-examination of Major Llewellyn, who was on the witness stand when the court adjourned at 11:15. When questioned he said that he had had a memorandum of the events as they occurred, but had lost it and could not be positive. After examining Major Llewellyn for some time without results another witness was called. The next witness, Santos Rojas, was examined by Mr. Catron and stated that he had met Colonel Fountain on the other side of Lunas wells, that two men were following Colonel Fountain about a mile and a half from the road. Here the witness became rattled and was discharged. Major Van Patten was called and examined by Mr. Childers. He stated that at the place where the buggy went over the chalk hills he found where two men, one on one side of the road and one on the other side, had knelt behind the bushes. He found blood at the place where the buggy left the road and also several 44 and 45 calibre shells, a 10-cent piece with blood on it, a 5-cent piece, powder smoked and also a napkin, which Major Van Patten produced. The next witness, H. K. Kornay, was examined by Mr. Childers. His evidence was strong against the defendants, but was somewhat weakened by the cross-examination by Judge Fall. Court adjourned at 4:30 p. m. The court met again at 10 o'clock this morning. The first witness, B. F. Wooten, was examined by Mr. Childers. He stated that he saw Carr in La Luz Saturday February 1; that he left for his ranch, he supposed. The witness was cross-examined by Judge Fall. The next witness, Chas. Meyer, was examined by Mr. Childers. He stated that Carr was in La Luz Saturday, the day after Colonel Fountain was in La Luz. Said that McCown married into Lee's family and was a half brother to Carr. That Lee and Gilliland had been partners and were close friends. His evidence favored the defense. Sheriff Garrett was then called to the witness stand and examined by Mr. Childers. He testified that he found blood

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at the chalk hills. He then went over the same ground as the other witnesses. On cross-examination by Judge Fall, he stated that he had heard that Button Wilson had bled his horse there afterwards. The court adjourned at 11:15 until tomorrow morning to wait for two important witnesses for the prosecution, Meadows and Dieter.

**Murder of a New Mexican.**  
Juan Lujan was stabbed and killed by Jose Rodriguez in a drunken quarrel near Clifton, Ariz. The murderer escaped and is believed to have fled to Mexico. Lujan was born in New Mexico, and has relatives in Bernalillo county.

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**The Weather.**  
The weather was clear and slightly warmer yesterday. The maximum temperature reached was 57 and the minimum 40 degrees. The barometer rose steadily all day. Clear and warmer weather is expected for tomorrow.

## OVERWORKED WOMEN.

Letters to Mrs. Pinkham From Women Who Have Been Helped From Sickness to Health.

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